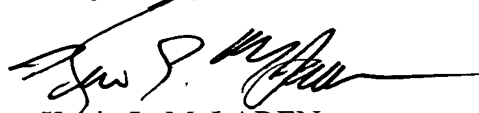


REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted to amend the relationship of the subject U.S. national application to previously filed applications as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.78. In addition, the section headings "Field of the Invention", "Background and Summary", "Brief Description of the Drawings", and "Detailed Description" have been added. In addition, the claims have been amended to remove all multiple dependency, to correct typographical errors, and where necessary from the foregoing amendments, to correct clarify antecedent basis. Finally, new claims 28-31 have been added. Support for these new claims is found throughout the specification as filed. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments or new claims.

With the entry of the foregoing amendments, the application is believed to be in condition for examination and allowance. Consideration of the claims, leading to their allowance and passage of the application to issuance, is respectfully requested.

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